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Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur Organized Workshop

On

“RIGHT TO INFORMATION”.

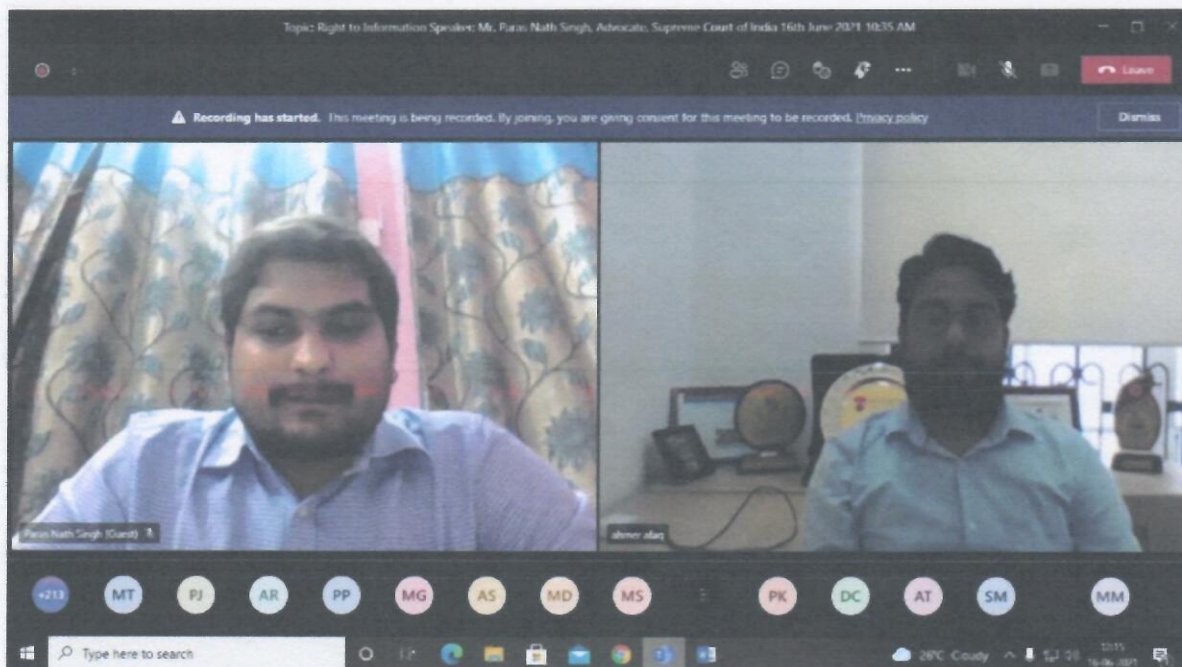
On Wednesday 16th June, 2021 Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur organized a workshop on **“Right to Information”**. The workshop was conducted by an expert RTI activist and lawyer, Mr. Paras Nath Singh, Advocate, Supreme Court of India.

Prof. Ahmar Afaq, Assistant Professor at SLS, Nagpur welcomed the Guest Mr. Paras Nath Singh. He stated that the Right to Information is a fundamental right and is the touchstone of all the freedoms. After shedding some light on the importance of Right to Information, he introduced the Speaker and moderated the session.

Speaking on the RTI Act, the speaker termed it as a powerful tool for human being. Mr. Paras Nath Singh focused on creating awareness among the students about the purpose and functioning of RTI Act. He focused on applicability of the Act, i.e. the RTI applies to both the central and state Government and all public authorities, which is bound to furnish information under RTI. The Act which was implemented in 2005 aims to bring about transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities. He also mentioned several mega scams which have been exposed with the help of the information received through RTI. He discussed that the information can be claimed as an individual and not as a group or organization. The students were also acquainted with several aspects like Who can apply, who will give information, About the RTI Online Portal, Online RTI Request Form, how to file the RTI application online and how to know the Status of the filled application. the process of RTI, the organizations covered under RTI, functions of a Public Information Officer (PIO), Chief Information Commissioner (CIC). It was also clearly stated that the duty of a PIO is only to provide the already available information and not to create

or generate any kind of data or information. He served in various capacities has a wide exposure and deliberated the key points including the areas of the RTI Act in a vivid manner.

The enlightening lecture on RTI concluded with a Thank You Note delivered by **Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari**, Director of SLS, Nagpur, wherein he conveyed his heartfelt thanks to Mr. Paras Nath Singh for sharing her wide experience and knowledge with the students. This lecture was an eye opener to all the budding journalists. The session was really inspiring and the students hugely benefited from it. Speaker proved to be an excellent learning platform for Law students across the country with a participation of more than **200 attendees**. The session was followed by the Question & Answer session.



Prof. Ahmar Afaq, Assistant Professor at SLS, Nagpur welcomed the Guest

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Power/ of CIC/SICs

The Central Information Commission/State Information Commission has a duty to receive complaints from any person -

- a) who has not been able to submit an information request because a PIO has not been appointed ;
- b) who has been refused information that was requested
- c) who has received no response to his/her information request within the specified time limits ;
- d) who thinks the fees charged are unreasonable
- e) who thinks information given is incomplete or false or misleading and
- f) any other matter relating to obtaining information under this law.

- ◆ Power to order inquiry if there are reasonable grounds.
- ◆ CIC/SIC will have powers of Civil Court such as - summoning and receiving evidence

Paras Nath Singh (Guest)

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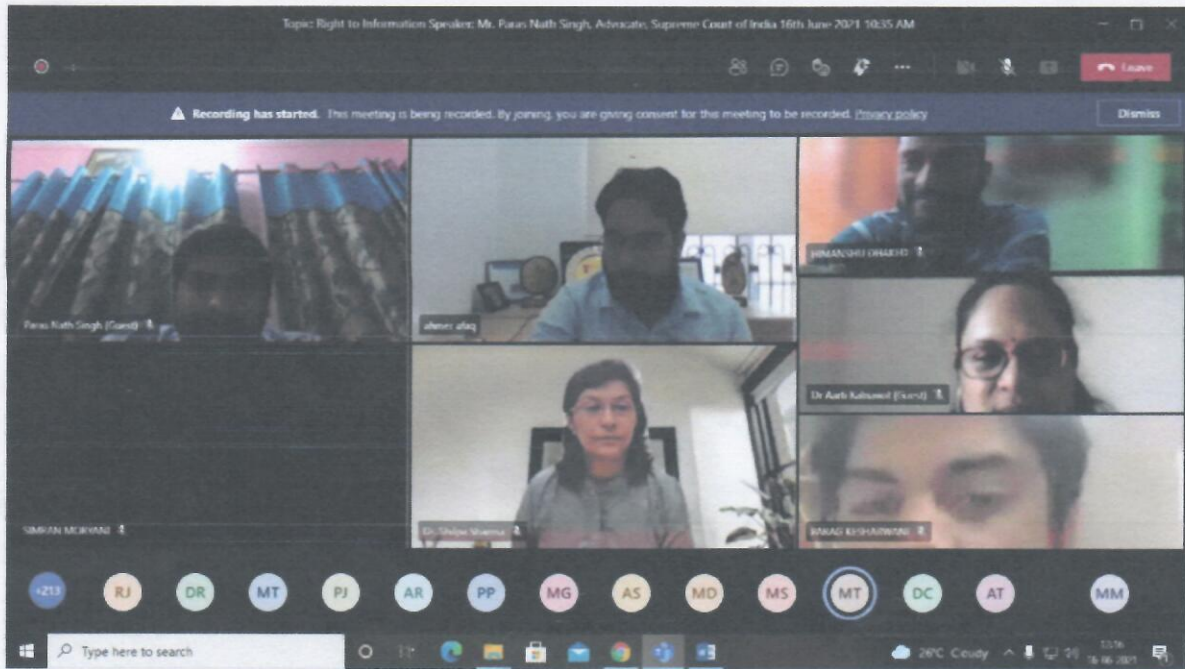
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Mr. Paras Nath Singh, Advocate, Supreme Court of India addressing the participants.



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